and Shri Ram Avadesh Singh for giving me their valuable suggestions. I am also very grateful to all the friends from this side who actively participated in this discussion and raised the standard of the discussion to a much higher level. I have only one submission before withdrawing on the basis of the request of the Hon. Law Minister and that is that this matter may be taken up with the concerned Minister, namely, the Minister for Water Resources.

Sir, I wish to withdraw the Bill.

The Bill was, by leave, withdrawn.

THE DECLARATION AND PUBLICATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BILL, 1986

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I move:

"That the Bill to provide for the declaration and publication of assets and liabilities of Ministers and Members of Parliament and their family-members and for maters connected therewith, be taken into consideration."

The question was proposed.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER — Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1987, regarding Bofors contract.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): Sir, while speaking in this House on 12th August, 1987, on the Motion for the constitution of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in response to the questions raised by some Members, I had endeavoured to clarify the circumstances relating to the visit of Mr. Bradin, Vice-President of Bofors on 3rd July, 1987. Some misunderstanding seems to have been created in some quarters in regard to my aforesaid statement. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Bradin did not give any convincing indication that a delegation from Bofors' would be prepared to give information required by us in writing or verbally. This is borne out by the totality of my observations on this point on 12th of August, 1987, and this should set at rest all doubts.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): The House stands adjourned till 11 A.M. on Monday, the 17th August, 1987.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 17th August, 1987.